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1. Tao Khamming* (alias Tao Singh), former Minister of Defense in the Free Lao cabinet formed in 1946 after the reconquest of the Lao provinces by the French, and one of the two Free Laos who in December 1948 returned to Vientiane, is now in charge of Lao mercenary troops under French command in Vientiane. He is still, however, in courier contact with Free Laos in Nong Khai.
2. The Free Laos are very apprehensive of the possibility of Tao Khamming being assassinated by Laos or Viet Minh members who believe that he has really deserted to the French and is not still working for the Free Laos.
3. Due to the unsympathetic attitude of the Siamese authorities, practically all of the Free Lao guerrillas have now left Siamese territory and are in French-held Laos.
4. The Speaker of the Senate in the French-sponsored Lao government in Vientiane, Prince Boon Oum, is also collaborating secretly with the Free Laos and frequently has clandestine meetings with Free Laos who are based on a plateau east of Vientiane.
5. Kham Suk** has also returned to Vientiane and is working with the French while maintaining contact with the Free Laos in the Nong Khai area.

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**** Washington Comment.** [REDACTED] reported that Kham Suk (or Kam Suk) was Tao Oon's brother and was in charge of the Plebeian Free Lao guerillas formerly led by Tao Oon. Kam Suk was at the time working out of the Nong Khai area, and his band consisted of some several hundred men.

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